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Volleyball Shark Attack

Tim Coenraad Staff Writer

The NSU women’s volleyball team (16-4; 6-0 SSC) continued with their winning hot streak, sweeping Florida Tech’s Panthers 3-0, as well as overcoming the #9 nationally ranked Moccasins of Florida Southern, 3-1.

While taking on the Panthers of Florida Tech (11-7; 2-2 SSC), NSU’s even spread of kills left the opposition stunned as the Sharks took three straight sets 30-28, 30-26, 30-22. A number of athletes stood out throughout the match, including junior Melinda Gorman, racking up a game high of 10 kills to go along with four blocks. Junior setter, Valia Petrova, received recognition for the Shark’s versatile attack with 38 assists in a 3

set match.

The #9 ranked Florida Southern Moccasins (13-6; 2-3 SSC) met their match last Saturday at the Shark Tank where the Sharks extended their winning streak to 11 consecutive matches. Upon dropping the first game of 23-30, the Sharks fought back to win the next 3 sets, 30-28, 30-22 and 30-16. Junior blocker, Emily Carl, led the Sharks with 13 kills, while juniors, Aley Tallman and Gorman, along with freshman outside hitter, Paola Ruiz, recorded 12, 12 and 11 kills respectively. In a leader’s effort, Petrova finished the game with 46 assists and 19 digs.

As a result of Gorman’s efforts

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NSU Professor Peers into the Soul of a Psychopath

Kristine Belizaire Current Affairs Editor

Members of the NSU community gathered for the second installment of the Faculty Lecture Series to hear Thomas Fagan, Ph.D. and associate professor in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences’ Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, discuss “The Soul of a Psychopath.”

Fagan began by giving the dictionary definition of the term psychopath, stating that it is a person with an anti-social personality behavior. He then went on to give the definition given by Robert Hare, Ph.D., who describes a psychopath as a predator who uses charm, manipulation and intimidation to satisfy their own needs.

Fagan then gave a very common characteristic that psychopaths have. According to him, a psychopath lacks specific feelings, namely remorse, guilt and empathy. The lack of these feelings thus enables the person to commit violent acts, such as rape or abuse. Because of these violent tendencies, psychopaths make up about 15 to 20 percent of all incarcerated criminals

During the lecture, Fagan mentioned that psychopaths are responsible for most of our day to day crime, especially violent crime. Psychopaths can be politicians, lawyers and doctors. They also tend to feed off of people, and then toss them away when they are no longer useful

The causes of psychopathic behavior are both biological

and environmental. To illustrate biologically induced psychosis, Fagan gave the example of Phineas Gage, a railroad worker who was involved in an accident that severed a connection in the frontal area of his skull. Before the accident Gage was very friendly, but after the accident he became violent and verbally abusive. Fagan also gave the example of an environmental case where it was found that children who had parents with criminal tendencies could become criminals themselves.

To illustrate the features of a psychopath, Fagan showed a videotaped interview with a psychopath who was in prison for life after committing three murders. During the interview, the criminal spoke about drinking alcohol at the age of 12, which led to drug abuse and gun use. While in prison, he had been transferred to multiple units because he was thought to be a threat to the staff.

Fagan ended the lecture with the case of a boy who robbed his foster parents after they raised him lovingly for five years. When asked why he did it, he answered because he knew where to go. “There is no connection to loyalty, love or anything else,” said Fagan

Junior and Psychology major Lydia Malcolm was pleased with the event “It was an insightful lecture. It gave a clear picture of the difference between an average criminal and a psychopathic criminal.”

Current Affairs

Meet the NSU Sharkettes

Kristine Belizaire Current Affairs Editor

“I wanted to create an outlet for girls who love to perform and dance,” said Camille Wright, founder of the NSU Sharkettes. “I decided to start up the Sharkettes because I really love to dance, and coming to NSU, I saw that they didn’t have a dance or performing team.”

The Sharkettes was started up last year and was made up of 17 girls, but due to tuition problems, 11 of the girls

left the university, leaving Wright with a team of 7 at the beginning of the 2007 academic year. In order to recruit more members, she and the rest of the team held interest meetings and tryouts, landing them with a group of 16.

This semester, the team is planning on putting on events that will show their school spirit, as well as create more awareness about the

dance team. One of the events is a pre-season bash that will help to get more students involved with athletics at NSU. Another will be a spin-off of Dancing with the Stars, where each girl from the team will teach a staff or faculty member a routine that they will perform in front of a crowd. The team will also perform in the Terry Building for the organization, Women in Distress. With these

events in place, Wright is hoping to make an impact on the NSU campus. “We are here to show our school spirit through dance. I also hope that the dance team becomes bigger and better, and hopefully we can compete and represent the University at a state level.”

Why Did You Join the Sharkettes?

Alexandra Heron Junior, Double Major Humanities and Legal Studies, Miami Fl
“At the time, there were no dance programs or music programs that I could join, so I took the opportunity and joined. I also appreciate the club’s facilitation of the arts.”

Jessica Knighton Freshman, Business Major Louisville KY
“I joined because I like to dance. It is a passion of mine, and it seemed like a good experience to be part of a college dance team.”

Elizabeth Rodriguez Freshman, Double Major Legal Studies and Theatre, Miami Fl
“I have been dancing since I was two years old. I also dance professionally and did not want to stop dancing because I was going to college.”

Cassandra Lopez Freshman, Pre-Optometry, Omaha Neb
“I joined the Sharkettes because I love to perform in front of an audience.”

Stephanie Nelson Sophomore, Pre-Dental, Hialeah Fl
“I have been dancing my whole life, and I think that being on a dance team is the best way to enjoy my college experience.”

Nina Vizcarrondo Freshman, Environmental Studies, Bayamon, Puerto Rico
“I have always loved to dance and I thought that it would be good to get together with all of these diverse women and dance.”

Melissa Santhanax Freshman, Biology, Miami Fl
“I loved dancing in high school, and thought that joining the team would be the best way to show my abilities at NSU.”

Sara Marks Freshman, Marketing, Fort Lauderdale, Fl
“I love to dance.”

Rochelle Moore Freshman Biology Major, Montego Bay Jamaica
“I joined the Sharkettes because I love to perform and meet new people.”

Michelle Cintron Freshman, Criminal Justice, Jersey City, NJ
“I have been dancing for thirteen years. I used to compete and I need somewhere to dance, so I joined the Sharkettes.”

Alissa Lenz Freshman, exceptional student education, Amesbury MA
“I was on a competition team when I was back at home. I wanted to come here and form a common bond with a dance team.”

Camille Wright Senior, Communication Studies, Brooklyn Ny
Founder/ Captain of the Sharkettes



Current Affairs

NSU Professors Expose the Biker Community

Jany Cabezas Staff Writer

From the culture and symbolism of Americans to Japanese, Suzanne Ferriss Ph.D. and Steven Alford Ph.D. explored different perspectives of international motorcycle communities through time in their lecture “Brits, Badasses, Babes and Bosozoku: International Motorcycle Communities.”

According to Ferris and Alford, the motorcycle was more than a ride, but a way to portray identity in every culture. “The motorcycle showed off their individual identities, like with the ‘Rockers’ who displayed toughness with their leather, denim, and boots,” Alford said. Motorcycles were also part of self definition, as with some groups where violence reflected their character. Some considered their bikes to be a reminder of a horse, “they [the bikes] were their iron steeds,” said Alford.

“The Bosozoku were high speed racers in Japan that would ride at twice the legal limit, often zig-zagging on congested urban highways,” Ferriss explained. “They were the Asian’s version of Hell’s Angels.”

Although the Bosozoku and some American groups illustrated a role of violence it was not without the aid of the media and pop culture.

“People went out and saw movies like The Wild One and considered the characters worthy of emulation,” Alford said. Projecting tough, rebellious and misunderstood, dressing in leather and jeans enhanced the biker’s image in the press, where it was then transformed into a threat and all bikers were then identified as “deviants.”

Groups were developed in order for young people to identify with each other through the transitions from adolescence to adulthood, as with the Bosozoku. However, stereotypes still masked other areas that the media had power over. “There were rumors that if women rode motorcycles it would damage their reproductive systems,” Ferriss said. The motorcycle communities globally attracted the media’s attention into a stereotype of “white, male and heterosexual,” leaving out a gray area of the rest of the populations.

Attendees had mixed reviews about the event. “I wish there was less talking and more interaction” said Phyllis Booker.

“I enjoyed it.” said Ruby Winslet “The speakers were charming. [It was a] great presentation. It gave me more respect for intelligent riders.”

Correction: In last week’s story *Delta Phi Epsilon* Raises Money for Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, it was reported that the event took place on Aug. 21, Mr. Fintastic was Stanley Terneus and the event raised over \$1000. In fact, the event occurred on Sept. 21, Mr. Fintastic was Sebastian Terneus and the event raised over \$1500.



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Current Affairs Calendar

Kristine Belizaire Current Affairs Editor

Monday:

Monday Night Football: The Flight Deck will be hosting “Monday Night Football”. Come out to the flight deck for free food and the chance to watch the Cowboys take on the Braves. For more information call the Flight Deck at 954-262-7260.

Tuesday:

SGA Tuesdays (Student SAC days): Come join the Student Government Association for free food and interaction in front of the Parker Building from 12-1. For more information, contact Sibjae@nova.edu

Brown Bag Event: In the Maltz Psychology building Room 2057 from 12 – 1 p.m., CPS Doctoral Students will discuss their visits to Johannesburg and Swaziland, South Africa on August 10, 2007, their involvement and what this humanitarian trip meant to them.

Chartering Anniversary Celebration: Celebrate Catholic LIFE’s 1st year Anniversary as a Chartered Organization with Mass and Reception taking place in the Spiritual Life Lounge from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Tournament Tuesdays: Rock-Paper-Scissors shoot! Polish off your ro-sham-beau skills and compete against other students in this intense pseudo athletic competition from 8 – 10 p.m. in the Flight Deck. For more information call Chris Ramsdell at the Recplex at 954-262-7042.

Wednesday:

Student Government Association Meetings: Come speak your mind and voice your opinions about issues on campus. The meeting will take place in the classroom of the Goodwin Building at 4 p.m.

Thursday:

Quad Thursday “So what if it’s not on the Quad?”: Come out to the flight deck patio from 11:30 am.m – 1 p.m. for free food, entertainment and a chance to find out about upcoming campus events. For more information, contact Tricia Reabulto at (954)-262- 7291.

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Monster.com Representative Helps Students with Early Career Advice

Julian Brownlee Staff Writer

To give students valuable information to help them with their potential careers, the Office of Career Services put together another lunch and learn event on Oct. 4 titled The Ultimate Road Trip: Campus to Career, featuring a presentation by Pascale Michel from Monster.com

Throughout the presentation, Michel explained some of the common errors that students make after graduating from college, such as procrastination. “Basically, students put things off until their goal due date,” said Michel. According to Michel, this error can lead to other problems including discouragement, interruptions and fear. “Fear would allow you to procrastinate and will put you in a situation to not succeed. Interruptions will allow to you put off your goals. Others will discourage you from your cause because it is out of the ordinary.”

To counter these errors, Michel recommended for students to make their goals specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and time bound. “If your goal is not specific, it is just a wish. Measure your current abilities and be realistic with your

goal setting and give yourself time specific deadlines to meet your goals,” said Michel.

Michel explained that it is not what you know that assures post-collegiate success, but how you put yourself in position to succeed. She encouraged students to get internships, saying that college is incomplete without an internship.

When asked what most important advice she would like to give students, Michel answered “Just have a plan and to be willing to make changes along the way.”

For more information about Career Services and upcoming events, please visit www.nova.edu/career.

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Sports

Weekend Well Done by NSU Golf

Nelly Mesa Sports Editor



Above:

Both the NSU men's and women's golf teams underwent successful weekends of play while on the course.

Despite the final round cancellation in the Flagler Fall Slam due to intense rainfall, the women's team was able to capitalize in day one of the tournament, taking home a victory for the Sharks.

Stand out athletes in NSU's efforts were freshman, Sandra Changkija, and sophomore, Maria Garcia-Austt, whom both finished in the fifth place slot upon shooting 77 in the 72 course par.

Freshmen, Nicole Whitmore and Taylor Collins, were not far behind

as they shot 82 and 83 respectively. “Although the overall scores didn't truly reflect how good our team really is, we are still excited to have won our first tournament of the season,” said Garcia-Austt. “With each win, we are given more and more motivation to practice even harder. We are now looking forward more than ever to the next time we get the opportunity to compete.”

Garcia-Austt claims that with the addition of four hardworking and talented freshman to their already strong roster, this win is just the first to many of the 2007-2008 season for the Sharks.

In addition to this exciting



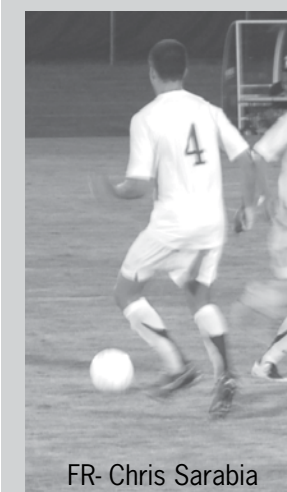
achievement for the women's team, the men's team were able to bring home a win while competing in the Aflac/Cougar Invitational as well as shooting a team overall of seven under par.

Men's Soccer Drops First Match of Fall 2007

Tim Coenraad Staff Writer



SO- Terence Condor



FR- Chris Sarabia

NSU's Men's Soccer team (8-1-1, 2-1-1 SSC) overcame a one goal deficit to defeat the Florida Southern Moccasins (4-5, 1-3 SSC) ending the game with a score of two to one last Saturday. Unfortunately the Sharks suffered their first defeat this 2007 fall season while taking on the Fighting Knights of Lynn University (10-1, 3-1 SSC) by a score of 3-1.

The Moccasins kicked the game off by putting the Sharks down one goal in the 41st minute due to a key goal made by Moccasin's Garrett Garr. Despite the minor setback the Sharks were never discouraged as sophomore leading scorer, Romain Onteniente, answered the call within seconds by registering a goal to equalize the score with the help of freshman, Aly Hasans's key assist. Shortly after their return to

the field in the second half, Onteniente capitalized yet again, putting the score at 2-1. From here, the Sharks held onto their lead for the remainder of the game with the help of a solid defense.

Sadly, while taking on the once #1 ranked conference rivals of Lynn University the following Wednesday, the nation's #2 Sharks fell for the first time in their 2007 fall season. The Sharks got off to a phenomenal start as Onteniente took advantage of a Fighting Knight midfielder error, giving the Sharks a one-nothing lead while tucking away his league-leading 11th goal of the season. Unfortunately, this became a game of two very different halves which didn't end in NSU's favor. Lynn entered the second half almost as if a new team. The hero for the day would be Lynn's forward

Dwight Barnett who would score in the 56th, 66th, and 84th minute, giving himself a hat trick and his team a comfortable lead.

Senior goal keeper, Jarred Rennick, tallied a season high nine saves out of eighteen shots on goal. The Shark's men's soccer sensation, Onteniente, was named SSC's Co-Offensive Player of the Week as a result of his stellar performance against Florida Southern. This is the second time that the French native has earned this SSC honor so far this year and with his fellow teammate, Hassan, providing the assists, the duo is expected to be an extreme force to be reckoned with. Onteniente gives due credit to the presence of the team's solid sophomore midfielder and captain, Craig Heenighan. With the three of these athletes doing their part, the Sharks are expecting great things for the post season.

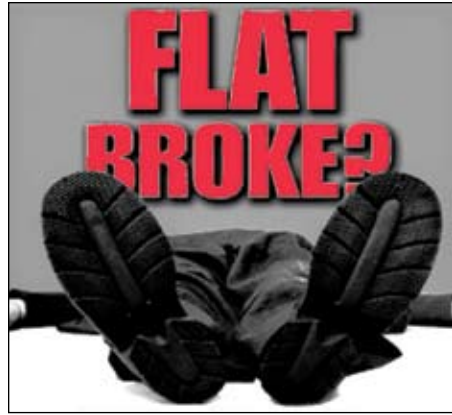
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Above: Jr, melinda gorman

and outstanding performance over the week, she earned her second consecutive SSC honor, being named the Defensive Player of the Week. Gorman registered an average of 1.3 blocks and 1.3 digs per game; as well as, holding the Sharks opponents to a .098 attack percentage for the week. The multi talented middle blocker and outside hitter also averaged 3.1 kills per game and hitting at a .301 percentage.

While the Sharks have undergone an outstanding season thus far, they will hit the road this weekend and be put to the test while taking on the #1 team in the country, the University of Tampa's Spartans.



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Sports

Stats Column

Nelly Mesa Sport's Editor

Women's Soccer	Men's Soccer	Volleyball
# Goals	# Goals	Attack percentage
FR, Lauren Prow = 6 JR, Hayley Oligane = 5 JR, Shurell Burton = 5	SO, Romain Onteniente =11 FR, Aly Hassan = 3 FR, Darryl Gordon = 2	JR, Melinda Gorman = .268 FR, Paola Ruiz = .190 JR, Christina Chubb = .156
Game Winning Goals	Game Winning Goals	# Blocks
FR, Lauren Prow = 2 FR, Alyssa Fernandez = 1 2) JR, Hailey Oligane = 1 2) JR, Shurell Burton = 1 2) SO, Kelly Diershow = 1 2) JR, Lissette Palacio = 1	FR, Aly Hassan = 3 SO, Romain Onteniente = 3	JR, Melinda Gorman = 19 JR, Emily Carle = 12
# Assists	# Assists	# Kills
JR, Shurell Burton = 6 JR, Stephanie Quinones = 5 2) FR, Lauren Prow = 5	FR, Craig Heenighan = 4 FR, Aly Hassan = 4 FR, Tim Taylor = 2	JR, Melinda Gorman = 235 Averaging 2.90 per game FR, Paola Ruiz = 220 Averaging 3.06 per game JR, Christina Chubb = 181 Averaging 2.59 per game
Shot Percentage	Shot Percentage	
FR, Alyssa Fernandez = .333 with 3 shots attempted FR, Laurent Prow = .261 with 23 shots attempted JR, Lissette Palacio = .250 with 4 shots attempted JR, Hayley Oligane = .227 with 22 shots attempted	FR, Darryl Gordon = .400 with 5 shots attempted FR, Chris Sarabia = .250 with 4 shots attempted SO, Romain Onteniente = .204 with 49 shots attempted	

Thinking Corner: Decisions

Racquel Fagon Variety Editor

Both men are standing in an enclosed room with two chairs. They are looking into the Well of Fate, arguing about the decision a murderer, who is about to face Capital Punishment, will make and what his fate will be. Instead they end up arguing about each other's role in the lives of men.

Evilone is lounging in a chair and Goodfellow is pacing the floor.

Evilone (*Wonderingly*): Do you suppose he truly fears dying? Because I would be very disappointed after all the hard work I put into his life.

Goodfellow: Even if he is afraid, it is understandable; it is his ultimate decision that torments me.

Evilone: Torment? Interesting use of words my good fellow. That word does wonderful things to my creative genius; makes me think of all the Kodak moments he and I will have.

Goodfellow: (*Stops pacing and faces Evilone*) You're very eager to determine his fate. The fact that we are here means he is considering repentance. So, be not hasty to find new ground to plant your seeds of torture.

Evilone: (*Cynical laughter*) You say

torture and think pain and agony. I say torture and think Disneyland. Now, is it fair to deny me happiness? Your Employer recommends it to everyone.

Goodfellow (*Angrily*): You are bottomless!

Evilone (*Quietly patronizing*): Why thank you.

Goodfellow: You are a twisted. Tyrannical fiend...

Evilone: My good fellow, you flatter me unnecessarily. (Smiles cheekily) You make my cheeks grow hot.

Goodfellow: You live in fire!

Evilone: And your point is?

Goodfellow: (*Holds palms out towards Evilone, as if to ward him off*) Wait...wait. I am giving you what you want; anger and disapproval. Your evil artwork will find no canvas to illuminate on today.

Evilone: Hmm...evil and illuminate. (*Tapping his chin with his forefinger*) It is interesting that you should use those two words in the same sentence. I have always believed evil is simply good misunderstood.

Goodfellow: You are obviously joking?

Evilone: No, I'm serious as my hate for you; I honestly believe that no one has ever taken the time to truly understand me.

Goodfellow: Well, even so, we are not here for you! We are here for him! So, please, just be selfless for once.

Evilone: (*Places his hand over his heart*) Are you trying to say that I am selfish my dear, dear good fellow?

Goodfellow: Is it not obvious?

Evilone: I always knew you had a soft spot for me good fellow. You are simply drowning me with your compliments today.

Evilone gets up and moves towards the Well of Fate

Goodfellow: Never mind you evil one. Let us see what is happening in the prison. *Both men are looking into the Well of Fate.* Wait... is that a Pastor? Why yes... yes it is Rev. Smith, a very religious man. It seems he is talking to him about repenting. Well, praises to God! (*Lifts his face towards Heaven*)

Evilone: I am pleased you said religious and not righteous. Because as wicked as I am, I am not ignorant of righteousness and Rev. Smith does no justice to the Word. He needs repentance himself.

Goodfellow: (*Sighs*) Sadly, that is one thing we can agree on evil one, but it is what Rev. Smith represents to him that is important today.

Goodfellow: They possess the choice to be.

Evilone: And your Employer trusts these... these superficial, life-

injected, molded clayto make such a decision?

Goodfellow: Yes!

Evilone: Honestly, if I possess a minute fraction of the power your Employer wallows in, I would make Hitler look like sweet, little Mother Teresa, when I begin to dictate to those sponges you call humans.

Jail door slams shut. The clanking of shackles moving. Goodfellow and Evilone leaning towards the Well of Fate.

Goodfellow: It is time.

Evilone: He does not appear too repentant my dear good fellow.

Goodfellow: You are too eager evil one. He has time yet.

Evilone: Yes, he does. (*Smiling cheekily*) I wonder how he likes his pain; slow and intense or swift and consuming?

Goodfellow: Oh look! (*Pointing in the Well of Fate*) He's praying.

Evilone (*Disbelievingly*): But he is a blood-sucking criminal! I taught him everything he knows!

Goodfellow: (*Face turned up towards Heaven*) Well, He has seen the marvelous light and is returning his soul to my Employer.

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Variety

Bat For Lashes' Debut Album is an Explosive Introduction

Stefani Rubino Staff Writer

Early in 2007, Bat For Lashes came on the scene with their debut album, Fur & Gold. Unfortunately, I have only just now discovered this amazing talent. Bat For Lashes is an all female band led by Natasha Khan, an England-based songwriter. Bat For Lashes' style and composition is so riveting and seemingly experienced that their style has been compared to that of Bjork, Cat Power, Kate Bush, and Tori Amos. However, Bat For Lashes' Khan (as well as the rest of the band) doesn't have that experience which would make their music even more interesting to listen to.

The album opens with "Horse and I," an extremely playful song that opens the album on a less dramatic foot than how the rest of the tracks on the album actually are. "Trophy" follows and is probably one of the best tracks on the entire album. It's elegant and beautiful; the rhythms match perfectly with Khan's striking voice. Khan's voice has a graceful and sultry sound, but she is completely able to express the deeper, darker parts of her songs.

"Tahiti" is an incredible piano-laden track that features some of the most incredible compositions from the members of Bat For Lashes and



Khan. It definitely stands out amongst the rest of the songs on the album as far as lyric-writing goes and shows us Khan's more sophisticated and refined side.

My favorite track on the album

is "What's a Girl to Do," the fastest and most up-tempo song the entire album. It features piano playing, streaming guitars and electronic beats all accompanied by Khan's gorgeous voice. The track features some of

the best writing by Khan and in a lot ways showcases the bands versatility. The track is fun and dance-able but at the same time is beautiful, slow and elegant. It's surprising to see such a young band have so much talent and this song certainly showcases that. There is also an incredible music video that accompanies this song which shows a bit of the band's eccentric personalities.

The only major disappointment of this album is that it's overly ambitious. The band exaggerates their dexterity a little bit and tries to make it more than just what it is. However, for a band just starting out, maybe this ambition is something to be expected because, as I said, they don't have the experience that their predecessors have.

All-in-all this is an incredible debut album for a band that just appeared out of nowhere. Honestly, I can't wait for what this band has in store as they gain that experience through more songwriting, more touring and more life experience all together. I'm sure their next album will be just as wonderful, if not better than this one.

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Evilone: You know the only good thing about this is that he is going to die tragically...slowly and soon; one less confused scoundrel to deal with.

Goodfellow: Well, his soul is safe and protected. Another victory for my Employer!

Evilone: It seems victories are going around in twos today. I appear to have captured one myself.

Goodfellow: What are you lying about now evil one?

Evilone: As honourable as that would be, it is quite the contrary. Take a look. (*Both men are looking in to the Well of Fate*) It seems as though our Rev. Smith has an affinity for strong drinks...and a compulsion for drinking them too fast.

Goodfellow: (*Hands lifted towards Heaven*) God have mercy!

Evilone: On who good fellow, Rev. Smith or you?

Goodfellow: On Rev. Smith of course. Why should mercy be bestowed on me?

Evilone: Simple. You failed today.

Goodfellow: I did not fail! He repented before he died.

Evilone: Yes he did. But your Rev. Smith is...3...2...1...now dead and he never repented.

Goodfellow: Oh my God!

Evilone: Indeed! (*Laughs cynically*)

(*Fades into the darkness*)

Who do you think actually won? Please e-mail your thoughts and comments to: nsunews@nova.edu

It's good to share your thoughts and experiences as you never know who they might touch. The Current is inviting you to share your thoughts in poetry, short-story writing and mini screen-plays. Simply touch someone or give someone something to think about. Remember to attach your name or pseudonym and the date the piece was written. Let's share something safe and positive. E-mail your scripts to nsunews@nova.edu. Next Week's Theme: "Bad Experiences"

Variety

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Building Vocabulary by Racquel Fagon Variety Editor

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| 2. Baleful | 7. Effusion | 12. Ignoble |
| 3. Bigotry | 8. Ethereal | 13. Loquacious |
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Unscramble these words and find the hidden message.

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Are You Truly Happy? Continued from pg. 9

signal on your cell-phone.

Populations' wants and needs have become so whimsical and inconsequential that it seems completely impossible for anyone to be truly happy in today's society. It is safe to say that people in today's society are thoroughly spoiled. They whine and pout and buy ridiculous medication for ridiculous illnesses that they knowingly cause on themselves. This petulant annoyance is the catalyst for greed, envy and malicious thoughts.

Societies wallowing in poverty and lack are usually those that do not even have basic infrastructures of health care, education or proper nutrition. They are at the bottom of the livable conditions, have accepted this and are trying to find a way to cope with the conditions.

Societies that are living comfortably but not luxuriously are living above their means in order to acquire the feeling of being spoiled, thus placing themselves in severe debt and dependence.

"Happiness has taken on the robe of relativity and cannot be asked without first understanding the society, priority demands and obligations. "Being happy doesn't mean that everything is perfect. It means that you've decided to look beyond the imperfections." (Anonymous)

Opinion

Editor's Note

Michael Bergauer Interim Editor-in-Chief

Ah, it's that time of the semester again: midterm week. Although for some with eight week courses, it's finals week as well. I suppose it should be phrased: big important test week. When I haven't been thinking about what I'm supposed to study, I wonder what this week means to other students at NSU.

NSU has a really diverse student body, and each of them tests differently. For example, I am an English major. Therefore, most of my exams are essay based. This gives me a bit of wiggle room in terms of "partial credit." However, that usually makes tests worth less and the majority of my grade comes through essay assignments I have to turn in throughout the course. Oftentimes, my grade is more or less determined before I see the final exam.

For other majors, things can be a little different. Someone in the sciences may see most of their grade come

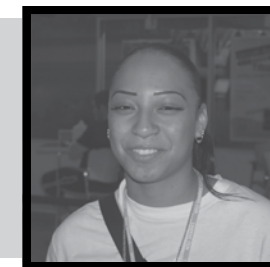
from a final exam or from a log of lab procedures. Some business majors may get a lot of points from a big presentation. For graduate students, it all comes down to the daunting thesis.

It is not the case with every class, but in some, the results of one assignment can make or break your grade for the class. Oftentimes, we say nothing as we quietly and diligently prepare for them, but are they fair? Granted, they usually come near the end of the course and you are (or should be) prepared for it. NSU has even recently (as of last year) instated allotted weeks before final exams in which no class is held called "reading weeks" to give students more study time. But it is still just one assignment, one chance. Do you think there should more chances to affect your grade? Or do you prefer less work, but with a "last hurrah?" Either way, study up NSU. That degree doesn't earn itself.

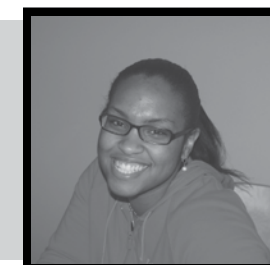
NSU On The Scene

Midterms are here. Are you ready?

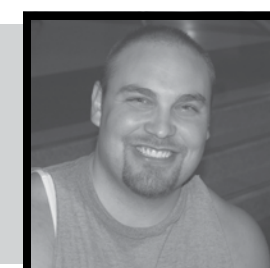
Mariel Munoz, Biology, Freshman
 "I have the time to study so I'm not nervous at all."



Isabelle Philippe-Auguste, Psychology, Freshman
 "I believe I am ready for them but I just have to study extra hard for them. I do feel prepared."



Garrett Whitamore, Optometry, Second Year
 "I feel pretty prepared going into midterm week but it is a little overwhelming with the amount of credits and outside activities I am participating in. But I feel that I can do anything I put my mind to."



Jason Mitchell, Sports Management, Junior
 "Yes and no. I only have one class so it hasn't been too much of a struggle but I'm on the golf team so it takes up a lot of my time."



Michael Moore, Sports Management, Sophomore
 "Good and bad. I've just come back from Atlanta and I've been there for four days. Being a student athlete is not easy."



Paula Builes, Psy.D., Third Year
 "Testing week is always stressful. Students just need to learn how to prioritize between classes and manage study time."



SharkSpin

Tanya Parnes and Jany Cabazes Staff Writers

Tanya: Were you here yesterday around 1:00 o'clock?

Jany: No. Why what happened?

Tanya: All of a sudden it started to pour with rain. It was like a monsoon out there! The entire campus was flooded for hours.

Jany: Did you have an umbrella or did you get soaked?

Tanya: Well, I do have an umbrella. I have two actually, but both of them were in my car, which was on the fourth floor of Parker and I was stranded in ASA. It was so crazy because none of us could leave the building and the people who tried to run across the campus were completely drenched.

Jany: Why didn't you take the Shuttle Bus?

Tanya: Well I would have, if the shuttle bothered to come down by the ASA building but it doesn't. So I would have had to run over to the UC and get completely soaked anyway, so it wouldn't have mattered.

Jany: Yeah, it's pointless to try to catch the shuttle because it's unreliable and half of the shuttle stops have no covering over them, so you would get wet wherever you waited for the bus.

Tanya: That is so true. I have waited so many times for that Shuttle and it takes forever to come around, which I never understand because our campus is not that big to begin with.

Jany: And they don't even sell any umbrellas or ponchos or raincoats anywhere on the campus.

Tanya: I know. The only place they sell them is at the bookstore and in order to get to the book store you would have to take the Shuttle, so it's like the never ending cycle. I don't know why they don't just sell a few umbrellas at the Outtakes stores on campus.

Jany: I'm sure through the years NSU knows how spontaneous and sporadic rain is here in South Florida. They pride themselves in how large the campus is, but you'd think they'd find a way to keep us dry in all of that space. I think they could make a few more "shelters" to keep us dry.

Tanya: Yes it really is bad planning on NSU's behalf. They could be doing things a lot differently that would greatly benefit the student population.

Jany: We walk into class drenched, have to suck it up for an hour freezing with the AC and eventually get sick. It's a downward spiral. Anyone that walks to school should have more chances to keep dry, or at least escape from the rain through the use of a reliable form of quick transportation that moves around the campus.

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